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skills will allow them to deliver in a hospital setting. The proposal for this bill came through what is I think generally referred to as the 407 review process. There was actually a recommendation from a separate group, a group of health care providers that monitor health care providers' scope of practice, that the scope of practice for EMT-I's and EMT-P's be broadened. This wasn't my initiative. This came...this proposal came from the health care community. I think it will provide a significant benefit in many parts of the state. I think it will be an incentive for persons who might not otherwise undergo the rather extensive and rigorous training necessary to become an EMT-I or an EMT-P to do so. Those people, once they have that level of training, will be a significant benefit to their communities, whether they're working in a hospital or whether they're working purely as volunteers. It will significantly, I believe, significantly impact the availability of a higher quality health care in many parts of the state. The second issue about the A bill, I don't know how many times we have to discuss whether or not it's appropriate to pass an A bill. I've had A bills passed that I didn't like, but the fact of the matter is if an agency believes that additional funding is needed to carry out a program contained in the primary bill and our Fiscal Office agrees, then I can't see that we should second guess that decision. Now Senator Suttle believes that it would be more appropriate to have this particular program funded in its first year and a half, that's about what it amounts to, out of the General Fund rather than the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund. That may be, but the A bill was amended two days ago to have the money come out of the Health Care Cash Fund. That, again, wasn't my initiative. That was suggested to me. I thought it was okay. Now I'm being told it wasn't okay. But we're not talking about that much money either. We're talking about \$21,792 out of a fund that currently has a balance of 1.141, almost 412, million dollars. Now, I understand that individuals want to be protective of the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund. I think that's good. In fact, they need to be as protective of that perhaps as we have been of the Highway Trust Fund. But the fact of the matter is that the initiative that we're discussing here is one directly related to health care and I can't see, even though it wasn't my idea, that it's inappropriate to have it funded out of the Nebraska Health Care